

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080  
Takanori OKADA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5463  
Application No.: 10/585,643 : Group Art Unit: 2185  
Filed: July 07, 2006 : Examiner: GIARDINO JR, Mark A.  
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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR RECORDING MEDIUM WITH  
SWITCH REGION

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 9, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 9, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.